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In Re.: Application of Sundara Murugan

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Ref: Case Docket No.: P4524

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Subject: Method and Apparatus for Implementing Automatic Protection Switching
Functionality in a Distributed Processor Data Router

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To: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136**

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of **2 month(s)** to respond to the office letter mailed in the above-referenced case on **05/21/2003**, for which a 3-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on **08/21/2003**. This requested extension extends the time for response to **10/21/2003**.

☒ The petitioner is an established small entity.

☒ A check for \$205.00 is enclosed for the extension fee.

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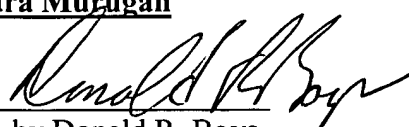
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